

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR RN/LPN EXAMINATION APPLICANTS EDUCATED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY (INCLUDING CANADA)**

**FOR A PROFESSIONAL OR PRACTICAL NURSE TO OBTAIN LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION YOU MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS LISTED FROM A → D.**

**NOTE: YOU WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO TEST UNTIL ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF NURSING HAS RECEIVED DOCUMENTATION VALIDATING YOUR EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.**

It is to your advantage not to apply for licensure until you have completed the validation of education requirements process or received a copy of the evaluation report. Because these processes are lengthy, the timeframe for your application may expire before the information is received.

### **A. Validation of Educational Requirements**

- Request an application from Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) to obtain **one** of the following:
  1. The Health Care Professionals Course by Course Report
  2. The Full Education Course by Course Report
  3. VISA screen certificate
  4. CGFNS Certification (option not available for practical nurses)

**Commission on Graduates of  
Foreign Nursing Schools**  
3600 Market Street, Suite 400  
Philadelphia, AZ 19104-2651  
Phone: (215) 349-8767  
Website: [www.cgfns.org](http://www.cgfns.org)

If you have requested a CES report (i.e., option 1 or 2) you will be sent a copy of the report when a copy is sent to ASBN. CGFNS does **not** send a copy of the VISA screen or the CGFNS certification to you (i.e., option 3 or 4).

**OR**

- Request an application from International Education Research Foundation (IERF) to complete an educational equivalency report. IERF will send you a copy of the report when a copy is sent to ASBN.

**International Education Research  
Foundation**  
P.O. Box 3665  
Culver City, CA 90231  
Phone: 310-258-9451  
Fax: 310-342-7086  
E-mail: [information@ierf.org](mailto:information@ierf.org)  
Website: [www.ierf.org](http://www.ierf.org)

**OR**

- Request (or download) an application from Educational Records Evaluation Services (ERES) to complete an Education Evaluation for Nursing Licensure. ERES will send you a copy of the report when a copy is sent to ASBN.

**Educational Records Evaluation  
Services**  
601 University Avenue, Suite 127  
Sacramento, CA 95825-6738  
Phone: 916-921-0791  
Toll-free: 866-411-ERES  
Fax: 916-921-0793  
Email: [edu@eres.com](mailto:edu@eres.com)  
Website: [www.eres.com](http://www.eres.com)

**OR**

- Have the Canadian licensure board submit a passing score on the English language version of the CNATS or CRNE (Canadian Licensure Exam) **and** verification of Canadian licensure status directly to ASBN.

### **B. Validation of English Language Skills**

- If you have graduated from a nursing program in a country or territory where the principle language is English, i.e. Australia, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Canada (except Quebec), Ireland, Trinidad, Tobago, South Africa, Jamaica, Barbados, or United States/Territory, you do not need to validate your English language skills.
- If the principal language of the country where your nursing program was given is a language other than English, you are required to obtain one of the following options. All test results must be sent by the testing company directly to ASBN.
  1. Test of English as a Foreign Language (**TOEFL**) – minimum score of 207 on the computer based version **AND** Test of Spoken English (**TSE**) – minimum score of 50.

**OR**

Paper-based **TOEFL** – minimum score of 540 **AND** Test of Spoken English (**TSE**) – minimum score of 50.

**OR**

The Internet-Based (**iBT**) **TOEFL** – minimum score of 76.

To have results sent to Arizona State Board of Nursing, use the code 9680 when completing your application.

<b>For TOEFL and TSE Testing Information Contact</b>	
<b>Educational Testing Services</b>	Phone: 1-877-863-3546
PO Box 6151	Fax: 1-609-771-7500
Princeton, NJ 08541-6151 USA	Email: <a href="mailto:TOEFL@ETS.org">TOEFL@ETS.org</a>
	Website: <a href="http://www.toefl.org">www.toefl.org</a>

**OR**

2. International English Language Test Service Academic Examination (**IELTS**) – minimum score of 6.5 on the Overall Band Score and 7.0 on the Speaking Score.

<b>For IELTS Testing Information Contact</b>	
<b>IELTS, INC.</b> 825 Colorado Boulevard, Suite 112 Los Angeles, CA 90041	Phone: 1-323-255-2771 Fax: 1-323-255-1261 Email: <a href="mailto:ielts@ieltsintl.org">ielts@ieltsintl.org</a>

**OR**

3. Test of English in International Communication (**TOEIC**) – minimum score of 725 **and** Test of Spoken English (**TSE**) – minimum score of 50.

<b>For TOEIC Testing Information Contact</b>	
<b>TOEIC Testing Program</b> Educational Testing Service Rosedale Road Princeton, NJ 08541	Phone: 1-609-771-7170 Fax: 1-609-734-1560 Email: <a href="http://www.TOEIC@ets.cin">www.TOEIC@ets.cin</a>

**OR**

4. VISA Screen Certificate from CGFNS (see prior information to contact CGFNS).

**OR**

5. A CGFNS Certificate **AND** a score of 50 on the Test of Spoken English (**TSE**).

**OR**

6. Evidence of being employed as a nurse for at least 960 hours within the past 5 years in a country or territory where the principal language is English, i.e. Australia, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Canada (except Quebec), Ireland, Trinidad, Tobago, South Africa, Jamaica, Barbados, or United States/Territories. (Copy of work record can be included with your application.)

**NOTE:** Validation of educational and language requirements must be received from the original source. Copies of certification, reports, and English Language Test results submitted by the applicant are not sufficient to validate completion of the requirements.

**C. Passed NCLEX-RN or PN or State Board Test Pool Examination (SBTPE).\*\***

**\*\*If you have passed the SBTPE in Canada, between certain dates you will have met the testing requirement.**

<u>Province</u>	<u>First Administered</u>	<u>Last</u>
Alberta	1954 (Sept.)	1970 (June)
British Columbia	1949 (Sept.)	1970 (April)
Manitoba	1955 (Oct.)	1970 (April)
New Foundland	1961	1970
Nova Scotia	1955 (May)	1970 (Aug.)
Prince Edward Island	1957	
Quebec	1959 (April)	1970 (Aug.)
Saskatchewan	1956 (April)	1970 (April)

**Nurses educated in a foreign country and have not passed NCLEX or SBTPE may apply for licensure by examination.**

- D. Submit a completed application packet** including appropriate fees (US dollars), fingerprint card (**only** use card enclosed in application packet).

**To obtain an application for RN/LPN EXAMINATION  
go to our Website and download an application.**

[www.azbn.gov](http://www.azbn.gov)

**Arizona State Board of Nursing**  
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